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SUBJECT: US/BRAZIL JOINT GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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MINUTES OF FIRST MEETING OF SUBJECT GROUP

HELD SEPT 16 AT BRASILIA FOLLOW:

THE FIRST MEETING OF THE U.S.-BRAZIL JOINT GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION WAS HELD AT ITAMARATY, BRASILIA, ON SEPTEMBER 16 AND 17, 1976. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS LED BY AMBASSADOR FREDERICK IRVING, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR OCEANS AND INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL AND SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS; THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY AMBASSADOR FRANCISCO DE ASSIS GRIECO, HEAD, DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS. THE LISTS OF THE TWO DELEGATIONS ARE GIVEN IN ANNEXES I AND II.

THE PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE MEETING WAS AGREED. THE AGENDA IS GIVEN IN ANNEX III. THE JOINT GROUP DEVELOPED AND AGREED TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ITS ACTIVITIES. THE TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE GIVEN IN ANNEX IV.

POSSIBLE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
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COOPERATION WERE DISCUSSED BY THE JOINT GROUP. PRELIMINARY

IDENTIFICATION OF THESE AREAS IS GIVEN IN ANNEX V. THE ORDER OF PRESENTATION DOES NOT REFLECT ANY SENSE OF PRIORITY.

IT WAS AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT THROUGH THEIR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL AGENCIES THEY SHOULD IDENTIFY AMONG THE AREAS OF INTEREST, THOSE OF HIGHEST NATIONAL PRIORITY AND POTENTIAL FOR MUTUAL SUPPORT AND BENEFIT.

THE JOINT GROUP NOTED THE COORDINATING ROLE OF THE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES IN BOTH COUNTRIES--NSF IN THE UNITED STATES AND CNPQ IN BRAZIL. FOR THE HIGHEST PRIORITY AREAS THE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES JOINTLY WILL ARRANGE FOR MEETINGS OF GROUPS OF EXPERTS AND/OR WORKSHOPS TO FORMULATE APPROPRIATE PROGRAMS FOR JOINT COOPERATION.

IN REGARDS TO ITEM 4 OF THE AGENDA, THE DOCUMENT, MECHANISM OF COOPERATION, PRESENTED BY THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION (SEE ANNEX VI) WAS DISCUSSED. BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT ADDITIONAL EFFORTS WERE NEEDED TO EXPAND SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE U.S. DELEGATION NOTED THAT SOME POINTS OF THE DOCUMENT NEEDED FURTHER CLARIFICATION OR STUDY.

THE JOINT GROUP AGREED TO RECOMMEND TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS THAT THE 1971 U.S.-BRAZIL AGREEMENT FOR SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION BE RENEWED AND BROADENED TO INCLUDE TECHNOLOGICAL AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION. APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO ACHIEVE THIS OBJECTIVE SHOULD BE TAKEN THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS.

IN REFERENCE TO "TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR RESEARCH" THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION INDICATED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF BRAZIL WILL TRANSMIT THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS A PROPOSAL FOR A U.S.-BRAZIL JOINT PROGRAM FOR HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT INVOLVING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE FOLLOWING BRAZILIAN AGENCIES: CNPQ, CAPES, AND EMBRAPA. THE AMERICAN SIDE AGREED TO STUDY THE PROPOSAL AND RECOMMENDED ITS INCLUSION AS AN ITEM FOR CONSIDERATION ON THE AGENDA FOR THE NEXT JOINT GROUP MEETING.

THE JOINT GROUP NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THE AGREEMENT CONCLUDED IN CONNECTION WITH THE MEETING BETWEEN THE EXECUTIVE AGENCIES--THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE NATIONAL

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COUNCIL FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT IN BRAZIL-- TO BROADEN SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION TO INCLUDE THE FIELD OF CHEMISTRY.

IN REGARD TO INFORMATION IN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, A SUMMARY OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT'S SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM (SICTEX) WAS GIVEN BY THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION, AND INTEREST WAS EXPRESSED IN THE EXPANSION OF COOPERATION BETWEEN BRAZILIAN AND U.S. SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AGENCIES, SUCH AS THE

BRAZILIAN INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION (IBICT) AND THE NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION SERVICE (NTIS).

IN CONNECTION WITH FINANCING RESEARCH EQUIPMENT, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE BRAZILIAN SIDE WOULD PREPARE A PAPER ELABORATING THEIR PROPOSAL, WHICH COULD BE STUDIED BY THE U.S. SIDE BEFORE FURTHER JOINT CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM.

IN CONNECTION WITH AGENDA ITEM 5, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE DECLARATION OF TLATELOLCO WHICH STATES THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS DECIDED TO FOSTER POLICIES INTENDED TO PROMOTE THE TRANSFER OF PATENTED AND NON-PATENTED TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE. NOTE WAS ALSO TAKEN OF THE FORMAL RECOGNITION BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS

IN WASHINGTON IN APRIL 1974 OF THE IMPORTANCE OF TECHNOLOGY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. ON THAT OCCASION IT WAS RECOMMENDED THAT A WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED TO STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF CREATING A COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. ON THE OCCASION OF THE SUBSEQUENT MEETING IN BRASILIA ON THIS MATTER, AMONG THE FOUR SUBGROUPS CREATED, ONE WAS TO DEAL SPECIFICALLY WITH THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS SUBGROUP WAS HELD IN CARACAS IN 1974.

IN THIS CONTEXT THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION PRESENTED A DOCUMENT ENTITLED, TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER-GUIDELINES FOR POLICY (SEE ANNEX VII). THE U.S. SIDE AGREED TO STUDY THE BRAZILIAN DOCUMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE MUTUAL INTEREST OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE WORK OF THE JOINT GROUP ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION AND IN THE CONTEXT OF, AND COMPATIBLE WITH, ONGOING MULTILATERAL INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES.

IN THE COURSE OF CONSIDERATION OF OTHER MATTERS ON THE AGENDA THE BRAZILIAN DELEGATION MENTIONED ITS CONCERN FOR THE POSSIBILITY

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OF FINANCING SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES THROUGH REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

BRAZIL STATED ITS INTENTION TO INSTRUCT ITS DIRECTOR AT THE IDB TO THE EFFECT THAT THE BANK MAY ADOPT, IN THE FINANCING OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, THE SYSTEM OF SECTORIAL PROGRAMS, ABANDONING THE PREVIOUS PROJECT-TO-PROJECT ANALYSIS WHICH IS CURRENTLY ADOPTED, AS LONG AS THE PROJECTS ARE INCLUDED IN A WELL OUTLINED GOVERNMENT PLAN, SUCH AS IS THE CASE OF THE PBDCT.

BRAZIL URGED THE COMMON ADOPTION, THROUGH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH COUNTRIES AT THE IBRD, OF MEASURES TO THE EFFECT THAT THAT INSTITUTION MAY INCLUDE, AMONG ITS LINES OF ACTION, SUPPORT TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT.

THE U.S. SIDE TOOK NOTE OF THE BRAZILIAN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER
AND WILL EXPLORE THIS MATTER FURTHER WITH THE APPROPRIATE U.S.
AGENCIES.

IT WAS AGREED TO HOLD THE SECOND SESSION OF THE JOINT GROUP IN
WASHINGTON ON A DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGRRED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC
CHANNELS.

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